VRS has been implemented and 6137 employees have been separated with an expenditure of Rs. 211.25 crore.

National Debate on FDI in Print Media

*336. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate national debate on allowing FDI in print media;

(b) if so, which is it likely to be initiated; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology has taken up the subject of 'Entry of Foreign Print Media' for examination. The Committee has invited views/suggestions from the public in general and professionals in the field of Print Media.

Urban Schemes under NSDP in Andhra Pradesh

*337. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the urban schemes which have been covered under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years with details thereof;

(b) the facilities being provided to the slums under NSDP; and

(c) the present success rate of the scheme in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) As reported by the State Government, 3265 Slum Pockets have been covered under National Slum Development Programme (NSDP) in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years (*i.e.* from 1997-98 onward).

(b) The following facilities are being provided under NSDP to the Slums in Andhra Pradesh:

Provision of Taps under "Own Your Tap" Scheme, Cement Concrete Roads, Cement Concrete Drains, Street Lighting, Extension of Water Supply Pipe Lines etc.

(c) As reported by the State Government the facilities created under NSDP Scheme are functioning properly. The performance of the Scheme in Andhra Pradesh is as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

	Km./No.	Amount utilised
Cement Concrete Roads	1803	18.72
Cement Concrete Drains	1428	14.02
Street Lighting	2025	16.52
Water Supply Pipe Lines and Water Supply Connections	43547	12.89
TOTAL :		62.15

In Addition:—

Funds utilised	— Rs. 62.15 Crores
Number of works completed	— 5247
Value of works completed	— Rs. 49.26 crores
No. of slum pockets covered	— 3,365
No. of beneficiaries covered	— 34,82,358
No. of tap connections	— 45,728

Allocation of funds for the Welfare of disabled persons

*338. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount is allocated for welfare of disabled persons in the last financial year;

(b) the procedure adopted to allocate money for disabled persons;

(c) out of the allotted money, how much was utilized in the last financial year; and